

Frederick Rudolph House
River Street Historic District
71 N. River Street
San Jose
Santa Clara County
California

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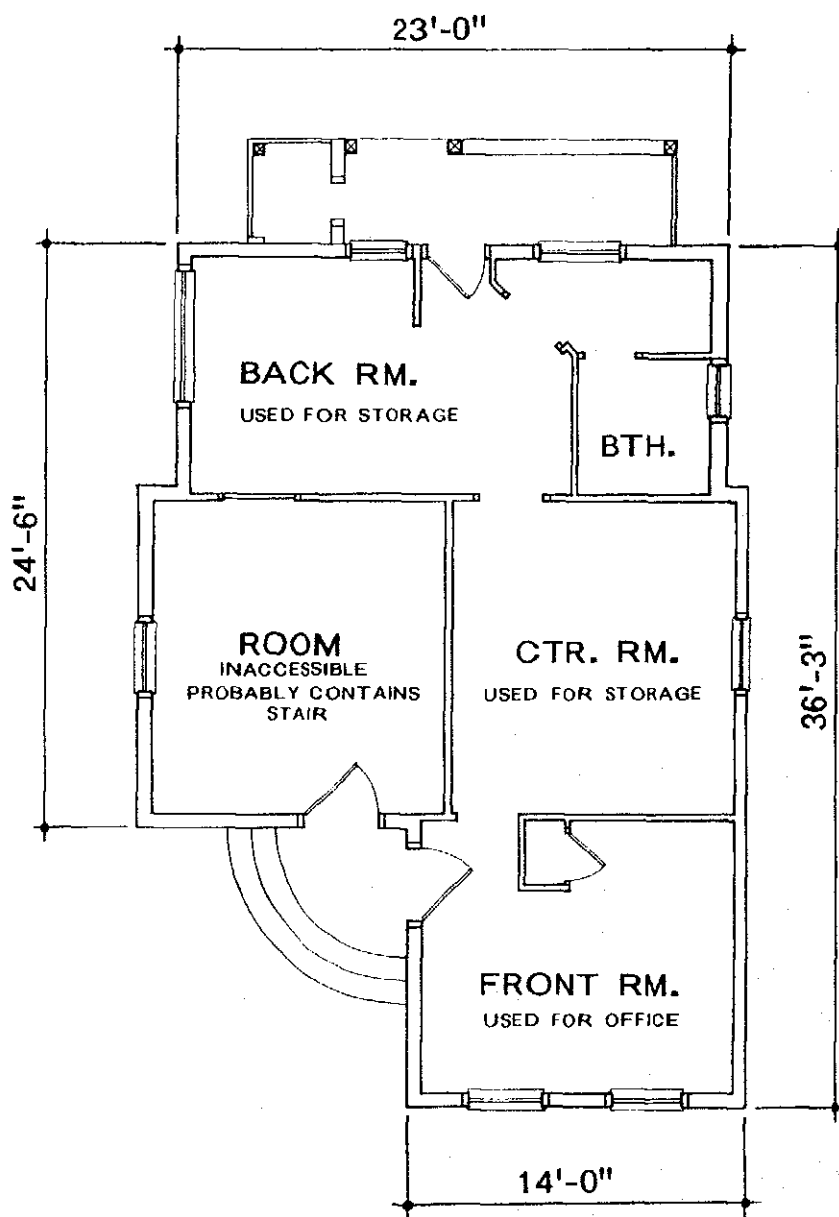
HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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- Location:** 71 North River Street, River Street Historic District
San Jose, Santa Clara County, California
UTM Coordinates: 10-597-690-4132385
- Significance:** The Frederick Rudolph House, due to its architectural integrity and contribution to the urban fabric, forms an integral part of the River Street Historic District, a rare intact late nineteenth and early twentieth century working class neighborhood in San Jose.
- Description:** This house is a two-story wood frame gabled ell structure. The house is clad in channel rustic siding and roofed in composition shingle. It is vernacular in style and its L-shaped gabled form was quite common in the mid- to late-nineteenth century rural America. It possesses two over one wood double hung windows on the first floor, and wood two over two double hung windows on the second. The window frames have bracketed lug sills. Three rooms comprise the main L-shaped portion of the house, with a rectangular plan addition and porch to the rear. The house has been recently renovated to accommodate the security and relocation office of the Santa Clara Valley Water District.
- History:** The house, constructed around 1875, is probably the oldest structure in the district and is associated with one of the earliest pioneer settlers in San Jose. The house was built for Frederick Rudolph, a Prussian soapmaker. Rudolph lived here from the mid 1870s until his death around 1900. In 1911 Mrs. Johanna C. Rudolph, the widow of Christian Rudolph, moved into the house and stayed there until 1925, when it became a rental property. Mrs. Rudolph was listed as the owner in 1924. Earl Rudolph, a possible relative, occupied the house briefly in 1940. From 1943 to 1945/6, the house was rented by George Salerno, a laborer, and his wife Dorothy.
- Sources:** California Historic Resources Inventory Form,
prepared by Stephen D. Mikesell, 1988.
San Jose City Directories.
San Jose 1924 Block Map.
- Historian:** Hardlines: Design & Delineation
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

1/8" = 1' - 0"